



**ARIZONA BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS**

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**Regular Session Minutes**

**September 16, 2011**

**Board Members Present:** Rebecca Grabski, OTA, Chair  
John Tutelman, Vice – Chair, Public Member  
Laura Beckman, OTR Member  
Christine Feltman Rosenberg, OTR Member

**Staff Present:** J. Randy Frost, Executive Director

**Staff Not Present:** Vicki Egurrola, Administrative Assistant

**Legal Representative:** Monty Lee, Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Arizona State Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners was called to order at 1:30 p.m. Rebecca Grabski, Chair, presiding.

**Roll Call**

All Board members were present.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Session Minutes August 12, 2011**

Laura Beckman moved to approve the August 12, 2011 regular session meeting minutes as amended. John Tutelman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Declaration of Conflicts**

None

**Review Meeting Schedule**

The Board reviewed the meeting schedule for:

- a. October 14, 2011
- b. November 18, 2011
- c. December 9, 2011
- d. January 13, 2012

There were no changes made to the meeting schedule.

**a. Initial Review of New Complaints**

1. Donna Montgomery, 11-OT-2812, Ms. Montgomery appeared before the Board and spoke on her behalf. Ms. Montgomery stated that the allegations made against her were incorrect. She stated that the times and number of people she saw was inaccurate. Immediately after Ms. Montgomery spoke the Board called Eric Amiel (the complainant) to explain the complaint and to respond to Ms. Montgomery's comments. Mr. Amiel presented copies of the billing sheets for Ms. Montgomery. After much discussion with both parties, John Tutelman moved to table the discussion and set a formal interview for the November meeting. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

2. Kelly Tobin, 11-OT-4115, Ms. Tobin appeared before the Board and spoke on her behalf. Ms. Tobin stated that the complaint against her was without warrant. Ms. Tobin informed the Board that the reason that she left her former employer (the complainant) was due to intimidation and harassment. The complainant was not present so the Board based their decision from the complaint and Ms. Tobin's testimony. After some discussion, John Tutelman moved to dismiss the complaint. Rebecca Grabski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0

**b. Open Complaints/Investigations**

**Formal Hearing Joel Tagle**

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Complaint # 11-OT-4237

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, opened the hearing by stating that this is the date, time, and place where the matter dealing with Complaint # 11-OT-4237, Joel Tagle is scheduled to be heard by the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners.

Board Members present for the Hearing: Rebecca Grabski, John Tutelman, Laura Beckman and Christine Feltman Rosenberg.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, stated let the record show that the Board Members have been furnished with copies of the following:

1. The Complaint and Notice of Hearing
2. The Respondent's Answer
3. All pleadings of record

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, asked the parties to identify themselves.

Montgomery Lee, Assistant Attorney General, representing the state was present.

Christopher Munns, Solicitor General, representing the Board was present.

Joel Tagle, respondent, was not present.

The Board determined that Mr. Tagle had been sent the notice of the hearing and that the hearing would continue.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, read the opening statements concerning the proceedings of the hearing.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, swore in the witness, Board of Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners, Randy Frost.

Montgomery Lee, Assistant Attorney General, asked that his documents be admitted as evidence.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, asked Mr. Lee if he would like to make an opening statement. Mr. Lee made a brief opening statement.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, asked Mr. Lee if he would like to call his first witness.

Mr. Lee called Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners Executive Director, Randy Frost. Director Frost answered questions concerning the evidence.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, stated that this concludes the evidentiary portion of the hearing.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, asked Mr. Lee if he would like to make a closing statement.

Mr. Lee stated that the factual allegations have been proven. Mr. Lee stated that the respondent did violate Board statutes and rules.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, stated at this time the Board would discuss the case.

**On motion by Mr. Tutelman and seconded by Ms. Beckman**, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt the factual allegations in the Complaint as findings of fact.

**On motion by Mr. Tutelman and seconded by Ms. Beckman**, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt all of the alleged violations set forth in the Complaint as the Board's conclusions of law.

Rebecca Grabski, Chair stated that the Board would now consider the Board's Order.

**On motion by Mr. Tutelman and seconded by Ms. Feltman Rosenberg**, the Board unanimously agreed to revoke Mr. Tagles's license and assess a penalty of \$1,500.00 due 60 days of the date of the order. A roll call vote was taken. (Mr. Tutelman – aye, Ms. Feltman Rosenberg – aye, Ms. Beckman – aye and Ms. Grabski – aye)

Rebecca Grabski, Chair, concluded the formal hearing.

**c. Complaint Action Status Report**

The Board discussed the Complaint Action Status Report of the following licensees:

1. Susan Nesbit, 09-OT-4090, No Change as of 9/16/11.
2. Tracy Schultze, 10-OTA-3712, No Change as of 9/16/11.
3. Joel Tagle, 11-OTA-4237, Formal hearing.
4. Melanie Conaster, 11-OT-3009, Copies of her Board ordered documentation were received.
5. Cynthia Gutierrez-Check, 11-OT-3076, Copies of her Board ordered client notification were received.

**Substantive Review, Discussion, and Vote Re: Applications for Licenses as Follows:**

**a. Initial Application**

Michael Arena	Rachelle Boyce	Gloria Brandt
Elizabeth Bruno	Kathryn Cristofono	Kristel Croffoot
Heather Foerster-Bach	Kelly Grayson	Annie Howell
Nikki Ko	Jodi Koppein	Jennifer Labrie
Maryann Long	Vanessa Magallanes	Julie McLaughlin
Carrie Miggins	Elyse Naylor	Anita Prins
Emily Reilly	Lauren Rife	Janet Robison
Teri Rupp	Amy Sharp	Jane Smith
Sonya Venitelli	Jennifer Wade	Laurie Wallace
Rebecca Waters		

John Tutelman moved to approve the 28 initial applications listed. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**b. Renewal of Licenses**

Andrea Adams	Michel Alarcon Escobar	Michael Albert
Cayla Anderson	Meredith Andrews	Joanna Atherton-Medina
Christine Banas	Tamara Berridge	Connie Blanco
Kimberly Briggs	Rennetta Brown	Autumn Bruton
Annette Bulat	Darcie Bulger	Katherine Cano
Stephen Carnazzo	Rebecca Carpenter	Diana Chapin-Tsai
Savuth Chhin	Melissa Clark	Mary Clement
Elizabeth Coon	Stewart Crandell	Ruth Decosse
Tamra Dimond	Robin Dyson	Susan Eckert
Kimberly Enriquez	Christopher Fortine	Jean-Anne Freeman
Aurelia Fuller	Bart Gamble	Brianna Gillies
Kristi Gindt	Rebecca Goldstein	Kathy Gunsolus
Bert Guy	Kathleen Hann	Eileen Hartig
Christine Holder	Suzette Holloway	B. Noelani Hong
Marilyn Hostrawser	Debra Houghton	James Howard
Rachel Iannucci	Tami Johnson	Jeanette Jones
Neelambari Joshi	Donna Kempf	Stephanie Kent
Sangeeta Kirtikar	Tammy Kirton Jennings	Johnston Lajom
Gail Lindahl	Kimberly MacDonald	Lillian Manaloto

Sharidan Martin	Elizabeth McLendon	Patricia Milam
Larry Molina	Donna Montgomery	Rebecca Montoya
Daniel Morrison Jr.	Mary Padilla	Audra Parker
Tamara Patton	Deanne Peterson	Thomas Pinter
Patricia Powell	Carrie Ptacin	Leslie Quenichet
Michael Reed	Karen Rice	Thomas Riley
Kelly Rostan	Prakash Sahoo	Seema Sahoo
Kristie Sailer	Diane Segal	Sharla Shipley
Monika Shumbo-Poissant	Cecilia Singh	John Sisk
Joyce Stewart	Sara Stuckenschneid	Anna Thomas
Bridget Thompson	Kristie Ulma	Abby Ulrich
Jessica Vieana	Ruth Waldrop	Laura Walker
Sondra Wilkinson	Connie Williams	Victoria Woehler-Appel
Jeri Young	Mary Zurek-Ortiz	Jayson Zwiers

Christine Feltman Rosenberg moved to approve the 99 renewal applications listed. Rebecca Grabski seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**c. Limited Permits**

Lorissa DePalma	Dorothy Hukill	Anthony Rios
Tasha Wiles	Debbie Johnson	

John Tutelman moved to approve the 4 limited permit applicants listed. Laura Beckman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

**Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Administrative Matters**

- a. Revenue and Expenditure Report

The Board was presented with an update on the revenue picture.

- b. Administrative Project Status Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the Administrative Project Status.

- c. Correspondence received from Brigit Anderson OT, License # 3741

The correspondence was reviewed and noted by the Board. It was determined that no other action was required.

**Other Board Business**

- a. Proposed state statute revisions.

The proposed statute revisions drafted by the rule/statute work group was presented and discussed. Chris Merchant representing ARIZOTA stated to the Board they supported the proposed revisions. Geri Dewaard OT also spoke to the Board and suggested revisions. After discussions by the Board and the public, The Board Chair, Rebecca Grabski, decided that the Board needed more time to go

over the proposed revisions. It was determined that the Board would have a special meeting open to the public on October 14, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

b. ARIZOTA 2011 State Conference

Conference materials were distributed to the Board members

c. NBCOT Annual State Regulatory Conference

Conference materials were distributed to the Board members.

**Agenda items for next meeting – if any**

Discussion and possible action on proposed statute revisions.

**Call to the Public**

There weren't any public members wishing to address the Board.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board. John Tutelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Christine Feltman Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Randy Frost  
Executive Director